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STAY CLEAR OF THIN ICE OVER FAMILY DAY WEEKEND

Toronto – If you're heading outdoors this Family Day Weekend, Ontario Power Generation (OPG) wants to remind you to stay clear of our hydro stations and dams.

"Don't find yourself on thin ice," says Mike Martelli, President, Renewable Generation and Power Marketing. "Ice and waterways near our generating stations and dams can be particularly dangerous. These areas are not safe for recreational use."

OPG's hydroelectric portfolio consists of 65 generating stations and 240 dams. In the areas surrounding these stations, changing water levels and flowing water causes the ice to be thin and weak, meaning it is not safe for recreational use. Signs and barriers describe dangerous areas that must be avoided.

"When heading out for winter activities, remember to make safety a priority and respect the signs and barriers that have been put in place for your protection," adds Martelli. "Stay clear, stay safe is our message."

OPG provides about half the power Ontario relies on. The electricity OPG produces is 99.7 per cent free of greenhouse gas and smog causing emissions.

To learn more about winter ice and water safety, visit opg.com/watersafety.

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